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PAUL'S NOTE

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- * Arizona Symphonic Winds starts their series of concerts in Udall Park on May 17. *See page 4*
- * Memorial Day: All city offices, including the Ward 2 office, will be closed on May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.

I'm sure you all have read the news about SunTran. City staff is proposing \$2 million in cuts to our public transportation system that they are calling "efficiencies."

In past years, Sun Tran has done things like changed procedures for procurement and maintenance and left management positions open as people have retired. Those are efficiencies.

What the City Manager's office is presenting us with are not efficiencies, they are service cuts.

For example, Route 9, which currently has service from Tanque Verde Road to Downtown, will be merged with another route and will no longer have service to the University of Arizona. When you tell U of A employees and students that live along Sabino Canyon Road or on East Grant that they will no longer have a convenient way to go to work or class, I don't call that efficiency. That is a service cut, no matter what bureaucratic gloss you put on it.

I'm concerned about all service reductions, but in particular those in my ward. Route 109X, for example, serves many of my constituents. Given the new development that is going in on Sabino Canyon Road and the car traffic on that corridor, it is shortsighted to cut off additional transportation options when everyone knows that we are at capacity not just on Sabino Canyon, but most of our roads.

Although I have made it clear that with the Modern Street Car coming online in July, now is not the time to tinker with cuts or fare increases. In the future, however, let me be clear that as painful as a fare increase would be, the worse option is to cut service. This will have severe impacts on our local economy. When the city started working to build today's bus fleet, Tucson only had a small number of busses with a limited number of routes and service areas. With our recently approved regional transportation tax, we were able to add additional night and weekend

service. How does it make sense to now cut back on some of these hard fought gains?

We now have a large modern system, one that has won numerous awards, that covers a large metropolitan area. Modest increases (my rule of thumb is 10%) are a far better option than cutting service to the point where the system is useless for our city's residents.

As the Manager's proposal stands now, I don't support it.

Marshall Elementary School, near 29th and Pantano, unveiled their new solar panels this week.

It's exciting to see panels like this go up in town. We had a big project at the Far Horizons community just across the street from my office that will not only provide solar power, but shade for the parking lot.

The panels at Marshall are not over the parking lot, but are instead on the playground where students can find shade dur-

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ing the hot months.

More importantly, the panels will reduce power costs for the school district to the tune of \$11 million over the life of the project. That's money that can go back in to the classroom or help pay for extracurricular programs that have been scaled back lately.

My office asked TUSD what schools in Ward 2 are going to get panels. Henry, Sewell, Dodge and Whitmore are all scheduled to get panels.

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My office has already gotten questions about plans for the old Wrightstown School. As you may have heard from the news, Pepper Viner is planning on purchasing the site. Pepper Viner hasn't talked to my office yet about their ideas, but I'll let you know when they do.

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As always, have a great weekend. Remember to drink plenty of water.

ARIZONA SYMPHONIC WINDS

This year, the Arizona Symphonic Winds is celebrating 25 years of free concerts at Udall Park. The concerts are all held at the László Veres Amphitheater.

May 17—Stars of the Winds: Featuring soloists Carl Feknenhour (coronet) and Sherry Jameson (oboe). Pieces performed will include the theme from *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and "Armed Forces Salute."

May 24—Memorial Day, Americana, Lincoln Portrait: Pieces performed will include "Alexander's Ragtime Band" and Aaron Copeland's "Lincoln Portrait" featuring narrator Grayson Hirst.

May 31—Stars of the Future: A concert featuring younger players. Works will include "Nearer My God to Thee" and Ferdinand Hérold's "Zampa" overture with guest conductor Renee Shane-Boyd.

June 7—Cello Time with Ann Gratz: Featuring Tucson Symphony Orchestra's principal cellist Ann Gratz, who will be performing solos on "Hungarian Rhapsody" and Antonín Dvořák's "Waldesruhe."

FINANCIAL CLASSES

John Wilson, a financial advisor at Edward Jones is teaching free classes on finance at Eastside City Hall. The series is entitled "Fundamentals of Investing" and will be in conference Room A starting at 6:30.

May 15: Foundations of Investing

May 22: Preparing for Retirement

May 29: Preparing for the Unexpected

June 5: Planning your Estate (Will be accompanied by Estate Attorney Tom Bouman)

HOUGHTON ROAD UPDATE

Broadway Intersection Improvements: Work started November 1, 2013, and should wrap up in June 2014.

As you have probably noticed by now, Leland Road north of Broadway Boulevard is closed for the week as we shift traffic to the new pavement on Broadway west of Houghton Road. You can access the neighborhood by way of Vicksburg Street off Houghton. We are working to get this back open by the end of the week.

Water line work is completed Sewer work is wrapping up on Broadway east of Houghton, and we are performing the final pressure testing and camera scoping. We are continuing the installation of the storm drains and catch basins on the east side of Houghton Road.

We are demolishing old pavement and grading on Broadway west of Houghton.

Broadway Intersection Park & Ride: This work will be starting in June 2014.

The contractor is getting geared up for moving their construction trailer to the 22nd Street area for the next phase of the project, and to free up the Park & Ride area. This should happen before June.

Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street: Utility relocations are in progress, with construction scheduled to start in June. This project should take 18 months to complete. You will notice that Team Fischel is out relocating for Southwest Gas. TEP and TriCon are out relocating for TEP. Kleven is out relocating for CenturyLink. All their barricading has been coordinated with our contractor, Borderland Construction, to keep traffic moving smoothly and with the least amount of confusion possible.

The artist selection panel has started their work on this project. They have narrowed the list of 30 artists down to three, whom they will interview for final selection. We will keep you updated on the progress of the public art process, and let you know when the selected artist is available to meet with the public to discuss concepts for the art on this project. There are numerous art location opportunities throughout the project area.

If you have any amenities located in the right of way that you are concerned about, please contact M.J. Dillard at 520-837-6616 or at mj.dillard@tucsonaz.gov so we can make arrangements to handle these. We are contacting the property management companies that manage common areas for homeowners associations for this as well.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Tucson/Pima County Household Hazardous Waste Program has changed the 2nd Saturday Outreach Collection to a “mobile” event. Every month, the collection event will be in a different neighborhood so that more Tucsonans will have easy access to the program. The 1st Saturday collection at the Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway, will still continue. The collections run from 8 am to noon. For more information, visit www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw or call 888-6947

IMPORTANT: Do not drop off household hazardous waste at the Ward 2 Council Office. We have no way of storing it. Please wait until a scheduled monthly drop off.

1st Saturday: Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway. Enter site by turning north on Prudence.

2nd Saturday: May: Mansfield Park, 2000 N 4th Avenue

UDALL CENTER INFORMATION

Memorial Day: The Carol West Senior Addition will host a Memorial Day Breakfast on Wednesday, May 28th at 9:00 a.m.. The event will cost \$4.00. Enjoy 15 minutes of stretching before a delicious breakfast and a live music performance.

For additional information on any of the programs listed above contact 791-4142.



PARKS PROGRAMS

Leisure Classes: The Summer 2014 Program Guide and Class Catalog is available for at all Parks and Recreation facilities, including district offices, centers, and pools. The catalog is also available for viewing on line at www.ezeereg.com

The catalog has complete information on leisure classes, swim lessons, summer KIDCO, aquatics, sports programs, sports camps, registration, recreation center programs, and so much more.

Registration has started and the deadline to register for classes this summer is Saturday, May 17th. Contact Registration Services at 791-4877 to register or for any additional information.

Road Races: The events will include a 1 mile predict, 2K and 5K (distance may vary depending on location). The cost for adults is \$4.00 and children is \$3.00. Registration is on-site at 5:45 p.m. and the events begin at 6:30 p.m. Ribbons will be given to top finishers at each Track and Field Meet and Road Race. Contact the Sports Unit for questions or more information, 791-4870.

June 5, Reid Park, 22nd Street and Country Club, SW Corner

June 12, Ft. Lowell Park, 2900 N. Craycroft, NW Corner

June 19, Lower Lincoln Park, 8280 E. Escalante, Off Escalante

June 26, Udall, 7200 E. Tanque Verde, Main Entrance

July 3, Lakeside Park, 8300 E. Stella, East of Lake

July 10, Jesse Owens Park, 400 S. Sarnoff Drive, West Side

July 17, Freedom Park, 5000 E. 29th Street, South End

Arizona Symphonic Winds: The Music in the Park concert series will take place in the Laszlo Veres Amphitheater in Udall Park (7200 E Tanque Verde Rd.) on May 17, 24, 31 and June 7. Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. *See page 2 for complete schedule.*

Tucson POPS: The Tucson POPS concerts will take place at the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center in Reid Park on May 11, 18, 25 and June 1, 8 and 15. The concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. Attached is the map of Reid Park.

Udall Field Closures: The Udall Soccer fields are closed for annual maintenance beginning April 28 through June 15. We thank the public for their patience during this time.

Summer Swim Schedule: Pools open for summer May 29 through July 30. Visit www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics for pool hours or call 791-4245.

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Please bring these items to the Ward 2 Office
for the following charities:

**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals
and Families in Need**

LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/
Dance Equipment**

CASA MARIA—Plastic bags

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on Tuesday, May 20. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

